

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Drawing Figure 1 has been amended to generically illustrate adhesive or biadhesive 24.

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claims 24-26 are based on a recitation found in claim 13.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 14-16 and 22 have been indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Each of claims 14-16 have been amended to include the recitations of base claim 13, except for the recitation moved to new claims 14-16.

Allowance of each of claims 14-16 (and their dependent claims) is solicited.

Responsive to the drawing objections, claim 18 has been amended and drawing Figure 1 has been amended to generically illustrate adhesive or biadhesive 24. The specification was also amended.

Claim 14 was amended to clarify the "projection/notch connection". See claim 14 recites the two notches defining an upper notch (8) and a lower notch (8), which notches are illustrated by Figure 2. Claim 16 recites that the fixed element (1) has an upper part (9) and comprises a projection (11) fitting into an upper notch (8) of the mobile element (2) fits. See Figures 1-3 and 5-8.

Withdrawal of the drawing objection is solicited.

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A replacement Abstract is attached.

In view of the above amendments, the case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The invention provides a solution both novel and nonobvious over the prior art, including a fixed element that is flexible and thus can be suited to round edges.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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Appendix:

The Appendix includes the following items:

- a replacement abstract
- replacement sheet for Figure 1